

## **MINUTES**

### **Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities**

**Regular Meeting - Tuesday June 28, 2005**

**2:30 PM - Conference Room C - Audrey P. Beck Building**

- I. Attendance: K. Grunwald (staff), S. Hasson, T. Miller, J. Sidney, Susan LaPlume (guest, Juniper Hill)
  
- II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting of May 24, 2005: The minutes were approved with the following correction on page 1, Section IV.b.: "J. Sidney has been unable to locate a chair which would address her needs, *and* she indicated that there *is* a dearth of good chairs..."
  
- III. New Business
  - a. ADA Coalition/CDD Network – 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of ADA announcement: K. Grunwald announced that there will be a ceremony to celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the ADA at the state capitol on 7/26.
  - b. Zoning Application – special permit- Button Box Fine Arts and Crafts Center, 287 Gurleyville Road , Mansfield Center – (report being prepared by DeWolf for 7/5/2005 zoning hearing): no discussion.
  - c. Community Education: K. Grunwald will submit an article to WAM Horizons on the topic of "people first language", and will also have this prepared as a hand-out at the Know Your Town Fair.
  
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Membership update: Susan LaPlume from Juniper Hill has an interest in joining and attended this meeting. S. Hasson has notified MCNR that we would like a

representative on this committee, and Patty Hope of the Senior Center has recommended Dexter Eddy. K. Grunwald will contact Mr. Eddy.

b. Update on ADA compliance – Community Center-An email was included in the packet from Stan Kosloski on this issue. J. Sidney, K. Grunwald and Curt Vincente met with Mr. Kosloski at the Community Center to review the problems with the shower. J. Sidney has requested a bench with a back, which may solve this problem.

c. CT Real Choice update: K. Grunwald reported that the regional meeting in Mansfield was cancelled due to poor pre-registration. There will be a statewide meeting held in September.

d. People First Language – Members felt that it is important as a committee to educate the community about issues such as this. There was a suggestion made to prepare a brief to the governor around this issue. Members were asked to think about this and come to the next meeting with ideas about how to proceed with this issue.

e. Representation of MACPD at Know Your Town Fair: T. Miller agreed to spend some time at the Social Service table with K. Grunwald to distribute handouts on People First Language and MACNPD.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald